18. UTTAR PRADESH
CPMG, Lucknow
PMG, Agra
PMG, Allahabad
PMG, Bareilly
PMG, Dehradun
PMG, Kanpur

19. WEST BENGAL
CPMG, Calcutta
PMG, Calcutta
PMG, Howrah
PMG, Jalpaiguri.

Appointment of a Social Audit Panel on Communications

3411. SHRI IQBAL SINGH :
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had appointed a Social Audit Panel on Communications;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof;

(c) whether Government have accepted these recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Social Audit Panel has since submitted three Action Reports. The First Action Report contained recommendations for both Postal and Telecom Departments. The II and III Action Reports contain recommendations for the Department of Telecom and Posts respectively.

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS

Findings of the Panel in brief are indicated in Annexure. (see Appendix CLXVI, Annexure No. 61)

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOM.

Findings of the Panel in brief are indicated in Annexure. (see Appendix LLXVI, Annexure No. 61)

(c) and (d) DEPARTMENT OF POSTs : As regards Action Report No. 1, the Department has agreed with the recommendations/views of the Social Audit Panel except in a very few cases which could not be accepted due to administrative and financial constraints. Action has been initiated for their implementations. As regards Action Report No. III action has been initiated to examine the feasibility of recommendations contained therein.

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOM.

Many recommendations excepting a few have been accepted. Action has been initiated to examine the feasibility in respect of other recommendations.

Sanction of more telephone connections in Orissa

3412. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plans to expand the telecom system to give more telephone connections in Orissa in the near future;

(b) if so, what are the places where new exchanges will be provided and also the exchanges which will be provided with STD facility in the State; and

(c) what are the plans for telecom development and expansion in Mayurbhanj District of Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

attached (*see* below).

(c) Statement-II is attached.

Statement-I

Thirty-six new exchanges have already been provided during the current financial year upto February, 1993. Ten more new exchanges are likely to be provided by the